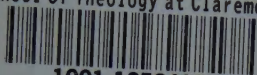


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MINUTES

THE second meeting of the International Missionary Council was held at Oxford ; the delegates being housed in Wadham College and the Randolph Hotel, and the Council meeting in the Hall of Hertford College. The first session was on Monday, July 9, 1923, from 8.15 to 9.45 p.m.

1. Opening of the Meeting. The Chairman of the Council, Dr John R. Mott, opened the meeting and at his request the Council was led in prayer by Dr Ritson.

2. Greeting from Conference of British Missionary Societies. The Rev. C. E. Wilson presented a message of greeting and welcome to the Council from the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland. In expressing the thanks of the Council Dr Mott recalled the meeting at Oxford fifteen years ago which laid the plans for the World Missionary Conference at Edinburgh in 1910.

3. Members Present. The list of delegates was presented as follows :

AUSTRALIA

Wm. M. Buntine, M.A., representing the United Missionary Council of Australia.

Rev. Thomson Macmillan, M.A., Missionary under the Presbyterian Church in Australia in the New Hebrides.

BELGIUM

M. le Pasteur Henri Anet, Ph.D., Secrétaire Général de la Société Belge des Missions Protestantes au Congo ; Agent de liaison du Bureau des Missions Protestantes du Congo Belge.

CHINA

Rev. C. Y. Cheng, D.D., Secretary of the China Continuation Committee, 1913-1922 ; Chairman of the National Christian Conference, Shanghai, 1922 ; Honorary Secretary of the National Christian Council of China.

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- ✓ Rev. Yu Yue Tsu, Ph.D., General Secretary of the Chinese Christian Students' Association, U.S.A.; Director-Designate of Religious Work in the Union Medical College, Peking.
- ✓ Rev. E. C. Lobenstine, M.A., Secretary of the China Continuation Committee, 1913-1922; Honorary Secretary of the National Christian Council of China.

DENMARK

Count J. L. Moltke, Vice-Chairman of the Board of the Danish Missionary Society; Vice-Chairman of the Dansk Missionsraad.

Professor F. Torm, D.D., Professor of New Testament Exegesis at the University of Copenhagen; Chairman of the Dansk Missionsraad and of the Danish Mission to the Jews.

FRANCE

M. le Pasteur E. Allégret, D.D., Directeur-adjoint de la Société des Missions Evangéliques de Paris (Paris Evangelical Missionary Society).

M. le Pasteur Daniel Couve, Directeur-adjoint de la Société des Missions Evangéliques de Paris (Paris Evangelical Missionary Society).

GERMANY

Missionsinspektor M. Schlunk, D.Theol., Secretary of the North German Missionary Society (Bremen Mission); Secretary of the Deutscher Evangelischer Missionsbund (Union of German Protestant Missionary Agencies).

Missionsinspektor F. Würz, D.Theol., Editor of the *Evangelisches Missions-Magazin*.

GREAT BRITAIN

Rev. Robert Forgan, D.D., Convener of the Foreign Missions Committee, United Free Church of Scotland.

Rev. C. H. Gill, M.A., Secretary of the Church Missions to the Jews (L.J.S.).

Miss M. V. Hunter, M.A., Candidates' Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society.

The Right Rev. George Lanchester King, D.D., General Secretary

- of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.
- Herbert Lankester, M.D., General Secretary of the Church Missionary Society.
- Rev. Frank Lenwood, M.A., Foreign Secretary of the London Missionary Society.
- Kenneth Maclellan, Secretary of the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland.
- The Very Rev. J. N. Ogilvie, D.D., Convener of the Foreign Missions Committee of the Church of Scotland.
- Rev. John H. Ritson, D.D., Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society.
- The Right Rev. the Bishop of Salisbury, D.D., Chairman of the Missionary Council of the National Assembly of the Church of England.
- Rev. E. W. Thompson, M.A., Secretary of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society.
- Colonel Sir Robert Williams, Bt., President of the Church Missionary Society.
- Rev. C. E. Wilson, B.A., Secretary of the Baptist Missionary Society.
- Mrs Theodore Woods (lately returned from the Mission of Help to India).

INDIA

- The Right Rev. Edwin James Palmer, D.D., Bishop of Bombay.
- Rev. Yohan Masih, Professor in the Theological Seminary, Indore ; Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in India.
- Rev. Thomas Sittther, M.A., Tutor at Bishop's College, Calcutta ; in charge of St. Saviour's Tamil Congregation (S.P.G.), Calcutta.

JAPAN

- ✓ Soichi Saito, M.A., National General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Associations in Japan.
- ✓ Rev. Y. Chiba, D.D., Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the National Christian Council of Japan ; President of the Japan Baptist Theological Seminary.
- ✓ Rev. Arthur D. Berry, D.D., Dean of the Theological School of Aoyama Gakuin.

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THE NETHERLANDS

Rev. M. Lindenborn, Director of the Six Co-operating Missionary Societies at Oegstgeest.

Baron C. W. Th. van Boetzelaer van Dubbeldam, formerly Missionary Consul in Batavia, Netherlands India.

NEW ZEALAND

Rev. G. H. Balfour, M.A., B.D., Minister at Dunedin ; Member of the Foreign Missions Committee, Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

NORTH AMERICA

(UNITED STATES AND CANADA)

Miss Helen B. Calder, B.A., Home Secretary of the Women's Board of Missions (Boston).

Rev. Henry E. Cobb, D.D., President of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America.

Rev. Stephen J. Corey, LL.D., Vice-President and Secretary of the Foreign Department of the United Christian Missionary Society (Disciples).

Rev. James Endicott, D.D., General Secretary of the Foreign Missions of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, Canada.

Mrs Daniel J. Fleming, Member of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

Rev. James H. Franklin, D.D., Foreign Secretary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

Rev. Alfred Gandier, D.D., LL.D., Chairman of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada ; Principal of Knox College, Toronto.

Rev. R. P. Mackay, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

X The Rev. Bishop Thomas Nicholson, D.D., LL.D., Member of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church ; Chairman of the Committee on Conservation and Advance.

X Mrs Thomas Nicholson, M.A., President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. Cornelius H. Patton, D.D., Home Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

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Mrs Henry W. Peabody, President of the Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions of North America ; Chairman of the Special Committee of the Joint Committee on Union Colleges for Women of the Orient.

Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, D.D., Secretary of the Missions of the Moravian Church in America.

Rev. William E. Strong, D.D., Foreign Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Fennell P. Turner, B.A., Secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

The Right Rev. David Williams, D.D., Bishop of Huron ; Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada.

Rev. Luther B. Wolf, D.D., Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America.

NORWAY

Rev. N. B. Thvedt, M.A., B.D., Pastor of Trinity Church, Christiania ; Chairman of the Norsk Missionsraad.

Cand. Theol. Johannes Brandtzæg, Secretary and President of the Norwegian Lutheran China Mission Association.

SOUTH AFRICA

J. C. Gibson, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the South Africa General Mission ; Member of the Executive Committee of the Fourth South African General Conference, 1912.

Rev. James Henderson, D.D., Principal of Lovedale Institution.

SWEDEN

Rev. P. A. Gunnar Brundin, Secretary of the Svenska Kyrkans Mission (Church of Sweden Mission) ; Vice-Chairman of the Swedish Missionary Council ; Chairman of the Nordiska Missionsråd.

Rev. J. Nyrén, Missionsdirector of the Svenska Missionsförbund.

SWITZERLAND

M. le Pasteur Abel de Meuron, Secretary of the Mission Suisse Romande ; Secretary of the Association of Missionary Societies in Switzerland.

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Missionsinspektor W. Oettli, Mission Inspector of the Evangelische Missionsgesellschaft zu Basel (Basel Evangelical Missionary Society).

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

The Hon. and Rev. Alexander Hetherwick, D.D., Missionary of the Church of Scotland, Nyasaland.

Rev. S. G. Inman, M.A., LL.D., General Secretary of the Committee on Co-operation in Latin America.

Rev. P. Loze, Missionary under the Mission Suisse Romande in Lourenzo Marques (Mozambique).

Rev. F. W. MacCallum, Missionary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in Constantinople.

J. M. J. Schepper, Dr. Jur., Missionary Consul (Representative of the Protestant Missions in the Dutch East Indies to the Government).

Rev. A. R. Stonelake, Missionary of the Baptist Missionary Society; Secretary of the Congo General Conference of Protestant Missionaries.

The Right Rev. J. J. Willis, D.D., Bishop of Uganda.

Rev. C. R. Watson, D.D., President of the American University at Cairo.

Rev. Samuel M. Zwemer, D.D., Editor of the *Moslem World*.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Miss G. A. Gollock, Editor of the *International Review of Missions*.

John R. Mott, LL.D., Chairman of the International Missionary Council; Chairman of the World's Student Christian Federation.

J. H. Oldham, M.A., Secretary of the International Missionary Council; Editor of the *International Review of Missions*.

James M. Speers, Honorary Treasurer of the International Missionary Council; Vice-President of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

Rev. A. L. Warnshuis, D.D., Secretary of the International Missionary Council.

Apologies were presented from Probst Matti Tarkkanen (Finland); M. le Pasteur Marc Boegner (France); the Rev. W. W. Pinson, D.D.; the Rev. Stanley White, D.D.; Dr J. W. Wood (North America); and Professor Braga (Co-opted member).

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It was voted that the above delegates and the co-opted and ex-officio members, as recorded, be accepted as constituting the membership of this meeting of the International Missionary Council, and that any questions relating to the personnel of the Council be referred for consideration and report to the Business Committee to be hereafter appointed.

4. Approval of Minutes. It was voted that the minutes of the meeting of the International Missionary Council at Lake Mohonk (October 1-6, 1921) and of the Committee of the Council at Canterbury (July 27-30, 1922) be accepted, and that any business arising out of these minutes be referred to the Business Committee.

5. Assistant Secretaries. It was voted that the Rev. C. C. B. Bardsley, D.D., and Mr Basil Mathews be appointed as Assistant Secretaries for this meeting.

6. Minute Secretaries. It was voted that Miss B. D. Gibson, Miss M. J. Hunter and Miss M. M. Underhill be appointed Minute Secretaries for this meeting.

7. Time-Table. It was voted that the following be the ordinary daily time-table :

Breakfast	..	..	..	..	8-9 a.m.
Meeting of the Council	..	..	..	..	9.45 a.m.-12.45 p.m.
Lunch	..	..	..	..	1 p.m.
Tea	..	..	..	..	4 p.m.
Meetings of Committees (or, when necessary, of the Council)	..	..	..	..	4.30-6.30 p.m.
Dinner	..	..	..	..	7 p.m.
Meeting of the Council	..	..	..	..	8.15-9.45 p.m.

It was agreed that the Council should meet daily for worship and intercession in Hertford Chapel, (a) before the morning session, (b) at an interval during the morning session, and (c) at the close of the evening session, and that the Business Committee be asked to make arrangements for a devotional meeting on Sunday afternoon.

8. Rules of Procedure. The following rules of procedure were adopted :

- (1) Speakers shall be permitted to use the language of their choice, but speeches in any language other than English shall be translated, preferably by a summary at the close

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of each speech, but sentence by sentence if the speaker so desires.

- (2) In all discussion all speeches shall be limited not to exceed seven minutes, excepting as otherwise arranged by the Business Committee.
- (3) A Business Committee shall be appointed with the following duties :
 - (a) The Business Committee shall have general charge of the programme of the meeting. It shall decide the time to be allowed to each subject and to speakers invited to open the discussions.
 - (b) All recommendations, excepting those prepared by sub-committees appointed at this meeting, and all new matter introduced by individual members, to be voted upon by the International Missionary Council, shall be submitted to the Business Committee before presentation to the Council. All such resolutions must be submitted in writing.
 - (c) All questions of detail which are likely to involve explanations and needlessly occupy the time of the Council, may at the discretion of the Chairman be referred to the Business Committee.
 - (d) The Business Committee shall deal with questions as to the verbal form of resolutions. When such questions arise which in the judgment of the Chairman can be adjusted by the Business Committee, they shall be referred at once to that Committee without any motion.
 - (e) The Business Committee shall read the daily minutes and, after making any necessary corrections, approve them. It is understood that all resolutions will be submitted to the Council in writing and will be voted upon by the whole Council.
 - (f) The Business Committee shall act if and when required as a Nominating Committee.

9. Publicity. It was voted that Mr Mathews, in consultation with the officers, be responsible for publicity while the Council is in session, and that no information regarding its proceedings be given out during these days excepting through this channel.

10. Business Committee. It was voted that the Business Committee be constituted as follows :

Dr James Endicott (Convener).	Mrs Thomas Nicholson.
The Bishop of Bombay.	Dr C. H. Patton.
Rev. Gunnar Brundin.	Dr J. H. Ritson.
Dr S. J. Corey.	Mr Soichi Saito
Rev. Daniel Couve.	Dr M. Schlunk.
Dr R. Forgan.	Mr F. P. Turner.
Dr J. H. Franklin.	Dr C. R. Watson.
Dr Herbert Lankester.	Dr Mott.
Rev. F. Lenwood.	Mr J. H. Oldham
Rev. M. Lindenborn.	Dr A. L. Warnshuis
Rev. E. C. Lobenstine.	Mr J. M. Speers.
Mr K. MacLennan.	

} ex-officio.

11. Reports of Officers. The printed reports of the executive officers, Mr Oldham, Dr Warnshuis and Miss Gollock, were received and referred to the Business Committee.

12. Audited Accounts. The audited financial statements of the International Missionary Council for the year ending December 31, 1922, and of the International Review of Missions for the year ending September 30, 1922, were presented and referred to the Business Committee.

13. World Missionary Conference. A minute adopted by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America at its session in January 1923, was received and referred to the Business Committee.

Second Session, July 10, 9.45 a.m.—12.45 p.m.

The session was opened with prayers led by Mr Mathews.

The Warden of Wadham welcomed the Council in the name of the University and of his own College.

14. Christian Education in the Mission Field. A paper on the educational policy of Mission Boards, with special reference to the report of the recent Educational Commission to China, had been prepared by the Rev. W. I. Chamberlain, Ph.D., and issued to members of the Council. In Dr Chamberlain's absence the paper was read by Mr F. P. Turner.

The Rev. E. W. Thompson opened the discussion on the reports of the Educational Commissions to Africa and to India.

The following also spoke : Dr Anet, Dr Allégret, Bishop Nicholson, Mr Wilson, Dr Tsu, Dr Henderson.

The period of intercession was led by Dr Patton.

Mr Oldham made a statement regarding a recent approach made on behalf of the missionary societies in Great Britain to the Colonial Office in regard to African education, and reported that as a result of the representation made it had been decided to appoint an Advisory Committee on Education in British African colonies and that representatives of the missionary societies had been invited to serve on this committee.

Discussion was continued by M. Loze, Dr Watson, the Bishop of Bombay, Mr Lobenstine and Mr Lenwood.

Third Session, July 10, 8.15-9.45 p.m.

15. Treaties, Acts and Regulations Relating to Missionary Freedom. Mr Oldham presented a draft collection of Treaties, Acts and Regulations relating to missionary freedom, and asked for suggestions and additions from members of the Council. Comments were made by Dr Zwemer, Mr Turner and Dr Schlunk.

16. Position of Missions in Belgian, French and Portuguese Colonies. In accordance with instructions of the Committee of the Council at its meeting at Canterbury (Minute 32) Dr Warnshuis presented a detailed statement, which had previously been circulated among members of the Council, showing the position of Christian missions in Belgian, French and Portuguese Colonies. The following took part in the discussion: Mr Wilson, Mr Gibson, Dr Zwemer, Dr Hetherwick, Dr Anet and M. de Meuron.

Further consideration of the situation in Portuguese East Africa was referred to a sub-committee consisting of the following members: Mr Gibson, Dr Henderson, Dr Hetherwick, M. Loze, M. de Meuron, Dr Strong and Dr Warnshuis (Convener).

17. Admission of Negro Missionaries to Africa. Mr Turner read a paper, the result of the work of a Committee appointed by the Committee of Reference and Counsel, embodying the views of various American missionaries and Board secretaries regarding the advisability of employing American negroes and American-trained Africans as missionaries in Africa.

Dr Henderson impressed upon the Council the fact of the strong growing desire of the American negroes to take their share in educating the members of their race in Africa.

The session was closed with prayers led by Bishop King.

Fourth Session, July 11, 9.45 a.m.—12.45 p.m.

The session was opened with worship led by Dr Tsu.

18. Changes in the Mission Field and their Bearing on the Policy of Mission Boards. The discussion was opened by the Rev. F. Lenwood, who emphasized the importance of aiding the growth of the indigenous Church towards full autonomy.

He was followed by the Rev. E. C. Lobenstine, who dealt more particularly with the situation in China.

The following took part in the discussion : Dr Berry, Mr Sittther, Dr Cheng, Dr Schlunk, Mr Masih, Dr Würz, Mr MacLennan and the Bishop of Uganda.

The interval for intercession was led by Mr Mathews.

19. Changes in the Mission Field and their Bearing on the Qualifications and Training of Missionaries. A paper was read by Dr Franklin and the following took part in the discussion : Mr Thvedt, Mrs Peabody and Miss Gollock.

20. Greetings from National Christian Council in India. The following telegram was received from the Metropolitan of India and the Rev. W. Paton :

‘India Christian Council greets International Missionary Council prays your deliberations divinely guided.’

21. Sub-Committee on Christian Education. On the recommendation of the Business Committee the following were appointed to serve as a sub-committee on Christian Education, to consider the problems raised at the second session and to report to the Council.

Rev. F. Lenwood (Convener).

Dr Anet.

Dr Berry.

Miss Calder.

Dr Chiba.

M. le Pasteur D. Couve.

Mrs Fleming.

Dr Forgan.

Dr Franklin.

Dr Gandier.

Dr Henderson.

Dr Hetherwick.

Miss M. V. Hunter.

Rev. E. C. Lobenstine.

Mrs Nicholson.

Bishop Nicholson.

Dr Schepper.

Dr Schlunk.

Rev. T. Sittther.

Dr Strong.

Rev. E. W. Thompson.

Dr Torm.

Dr Tsu.

The Bishop of Uganda.

22. Sub-Committee on Christian Literature. On the recommendation of the Business Committee the following were appointed to serve as a sub-committee on Christian Literature and to prepare a report :

Dr Patton (Convener).	Mr K. MacLennan.
Dr Cheng.	Rev. Yohan Masih.
Dr Chiba.	Dr Ritson.
Miss Gollock.	Mr F. P. Turner.
Dr Inman.	Dr Watson.
Rev. E. C. Lobenstine.	Rev. C. E. Wilson.
Rev. F. W. MacCallum.	Dr Zwemer.

Fifth Session, July 11, 8.15-9.45 p.m.

23. Missionary Freedom. A paper was read by Dr Allégret on the subject of missionary freedom and the relations which should exist between missionaries and government officials in the colonies. Dr Schepper and Mr Stonelake also spoke on this subject.

24. Negro Missionaries to Africa. Mr Turner completed the statement which had been curtailed for lack of time at the third session. Dr Wolf, Dr Franklin and Mr Oldham continued the discussion.

On the recommendation of the Business Committee Mr Kamba Simango was called into the meeting and gave a brief address on the subject under consideration.

An appeal addressed to the World Student Christian Federation from a Conference of African and American Negroes held at Tuskegee was presented by the Chairman, and remitted to the Business Committee for consideration.

25. Finance. The accounts as seen on pages 16 and 17, and budgets of the Council, as seen on page 15, were submitted.

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Budgets for 1924 and 1925

	Budget for 1923.	Expended during 1922.	Budgets for 1924 and 1925.
I. Administration Expenses—			
1. Salaries—			
(a) Secretaries and Assistants	£1620	£1568	£1620
(b) Stenographers	625	489	776
(c) Share of Business Office	120	130	130
2. Rent, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting and Heating	800	871	800
3. Stationery, Postages, Telephone, etc.	300	354	350
II. Secretaries' Travelling Expenses	1150	810	750
III. Expenses of Chairman's Office, New York	300	300	300
IV. Printing—Minutes, <i>Council Notes</i> and Sundries	...	35	75
V. Committee Meeting	150	194	300
VI. <i>International Review of Missions</i> —Subsidy	790	626	675
VII. Contingencies	50	323	124
	£5905	£5700	£5900

It was resolved as follows :

(1) That the audited Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet for the years ending December 31, 1922, be approved.

(2) That the budgets for the year 1924 and 1925, as printed above, be adopted.

(3) That, if necessary, the Committee of the Council be authorized to redistribute the sums specified in the budgets for the various items, provided the total amount of the budgets be not increased.

(4) That the proportion in which national missionary organizations in the sending countries shall be invited to contribute to the budget of the International Missionary Council correspond generally to the aggregate income for foreign missions, as defined below in Section 5, received at home by the missionary societies co-operating in the national missionary organizations.

(5) It is recommended that the basis on which these national missionary organizations shall be invited to make contributions to the budget shall be the average (as shown in the last three published accounts) of the income received at home for foreign missions, expended during each year as covered by the budget or supplementary budgets, exclusive of sums spent on work among

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Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ending 31st December, 1922

Income			Expenditure		
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
I. Funds as at 31st December, 1921—			I. Administration Expenses—		
Cash on hand	211	15 0½	Salaries	1568	6 8
Sundry Debtors	328	8 7	Stenographers	488	12 10
Balance of Contribution for 1921			Rent of Offices, Cleaning, Care-		
due from North America	1787	10 6	taking, Lighting, and Heating	871	6 2
			Share of Expense of Business Office	130	0 0
II. Contributions to the Budget for the			Stationery, Postages, Telephone,		
year ending 31st December, 1922—			and Miscellaneous	353	18 11½
North America	£4020	0 0			3412 4 7½
Less Overpayment			II. Travelling Expenses—		
on 1921 Budget	350	0 0	Secretaries	789	8 1
			Members of Committee	20	4 0
Conference of Missionary Societies					809 12 1
in Great Britain and Ireland	3670	0 0	III. Expenses of Chairman's Office, New		
Svenska Missionsradet	1445	0 0	York		
Norsk Missionsraad	175	0 0	IV. Sundry Printings—		
Dansk Missionsraad	101	0 0	Minutes	19	7 10
Commissie van Advies (Holland)	53	0 0	Other Publications	25	17 0
Die Evangelische Missionsgesell-	40	0 0			
schaft in Basel	22	7 0	Less Sales	45	4 10
Société des Missions Évangéliques				10	7 1
de Paris	15	0 0	V. Committee Meeting at Canterbury—		
Mission Suisse Romande	10	0 0	Travelling and Committee Expenses		
National Missionary Council of			VI. Furniture and Furnishings (Special		
Finland	7	0 0	Account, see Canterbury Minutes)		
Swiss Kanarése Missionary Society	5	0 0	VII. Grant in aid of <i>International Review</i>		
			of <i>Missions</i> —		
III. Interest on Deposit Account	5543	7 0	For the year ending September 30,		
IV. Funds transferred from British Con-	13	7 10	1922	574	8 11
ference on behalf of German			On account of year 1922-23	51	13 4
Missions	100	0 0			
V. Donations received for disbursement			VIII. Literature for German Missionary		
in India by the Secretary	220	7 8	Societies	8	13 9
Less transmitted to India per Mr			Less Donations received	5	18 4
J. H. Oldham	220	7 8			2 15 5

VI. Rhenish Missionary Society— Funds received from Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa . . . 540 0 0 Disbursements on behalf of the Rhenish Mission . . . 540 0 0	...	<u>£7984 8 11½</u>
IX. Funds as at 31st December, 1922— General Funds . . . 2185 5 6 German Missions Fund. . . 100 0 0	2285 5 6	<u>£7984 8 11½</u>

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Balance Sheet at 31st December, 1922

Liabilities		Assets	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
I. Balance of Funds as per Income and Expenditure Account—		I. Cash and Bank Balances—	
General Funds	2185 5 6	Deposit Account	500 0 0
German Missions Fund.	100 0 0	Current Account	393 6 5
		Cash on hand	1500 12 3
	<u>2285 5 6</u>		
II. Sundry Creditors		II. Sundry Debtors	
	271 13 4		163 0 2
	<u>£2556 18 10</u>		<u>£2556 18 10</u>

LONDON, 28th March, 1923.—We have examined the foregoing Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto, and certify them to be correct.

MANN, JUDD, GORDON & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

peoples professing the Christian religion, and exclusive of abnormal expenditure on property.

(6) That for convenience in apportioning the budget on a *pro rata* basis the income as defined above be converted into sterling, at the current rate of exchange.

(7) That the several national organizations in the sending countries be invited to contribute such a proportionate fraction of the average income as ascertained above as may be required to meet each year's budget; all contributions to be paid in sterling in London.

(8) That at the end of each year any adjustments required by movements of exchange during the year shall be made by the Treasurer.

(9) That the national missionary organizations be invited to pay in the course of each quarter one-fourth of their contribution to each annual budget, if not paid annually in advance.

(10) That the travelling expenses of members of the Committee of the Council attending its meetings shall be paid out of the finances of the Council, with the understanding that ocean fares shall be reckoned at the ordinary missionary rate and railway fare third-class in Britain and its equivalent in other countries.

(11) That the Committee of the Council be authorized to devise ways and means to raise additional funds for extraordinary expenditure in connexion with the next meeting of the Council.

(12) While it is expected that the foregoing budget will be sufficient for the full programme of the Council, and since in a period of two years unforeseen developments may occur requiring additional expenditure, it is understood that such emergencies may be met by special funds which the Committee of the Council may be able to secure from private sources. If the objects to be sought involve permanent or recurring expense, the approval of the national organizations shall be secured before such work is undertaken, even if special funds are available for its support.

(13) That the national missionary organizations and the missionary societies shall not be responsible for any expenses not previously sanctioned by them.

26. Finance of the International Review of Missions. The audited statement of the accounts of the *International Review of Missions* for the year ending September 30, 1922, and the budget for 1924, were accepted and approved as follows ;

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Profit and Loss Account for the Year ended 30th September, 1922

Income			Expenditure		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Subscription Sales received—			Advertising	96	5 11
Less paid in advance—			Books and Magazines	7	11 5
London	1238	6 4	Carriage and Postage on Review	238	9 1
New York	883	15 3	Commission on Sales	216	13 0
Cash Sales	22	15 6	Contributors' Fees	94	4 6
			Miscellaneous	9	11 10½
Sales from Sundry Publications			Miscellaneous Postages and Telephone	41	13 9
Proceeds of Advertisements			Printing of the Review	879	0 3
Interest on Deposit Account			Rent	100	0 0
Loss for year carried to Balance Sheet			Salaries—		
			Business Office	156	17 6
			Editors and Staff	753	0 0
			Stationery	59	9 0
			Commission on Sales to New York Office		
			to meet sundry office expenditure	220	15 6
				£2873	11 9½

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Budget for 1924

Estimated Revenue		Estimated Expenditure	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
From Subscriptions and Advertisements—		Publishing Costs—	
Same as in 1922	2250 0 0	Advertising	80 0 0
Subsidy from International Missionary Council	665 0 0	Carriage and Postage	240 0 0
		Commission on Sales	220 0 0
		Miscellaneous	10 0 0
		Miscellaneous Postages and Stationery	30 0 0
		Printing the Review and Supplying Paper	820 0 0
		Office Salaries	163 0 0
		Commission to New York Office	220 0 0
			1783 0 0
		Editorial Expenses—	
		Salaries	700 0 0
		Typists	150 0 0
		Office Rent	100 0 0
		Stationery, Postages and Telegrams	62 0 0
		Contributors' Fees	110 0 0
		Books	10 0 0
			1132 0 0
			£2915 0 0

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Evening prayers were led by Dr Forgan.

Sixth Session, July 12, 9.45 a.m.—12.45 p.m.

The Session was opened with worship led by M. Couve.

27. Next World Missionary Conference. Dr Endicott, in presenting a report from the Business Committee (Minute 13), read the resolution adopted by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America at its meeting at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, January 1923 :

‘Whereas the policy of drawing together, once in each decade, the Christian Mission forces of the world in conference has been approved by experience and

‘Whereas the expected Conference of 1920, following the Edinburgh Conference in 1910, could not be held on account of conditions created by the War and

‘Whereas it is felt that there is an increasing sense of the need and desire to re-study, in such a conference, the common problems of world evangelization, be it

‘Resolved, that the Foreign Missions Conference would welcome such World Conference at some time within the next three years if, in the judgment of the International Council, such plan may be wisely and effectively carried out, and we request the International Council to give full consideration to this matter at the meeting in July 1923.’

The following took part in the discussion : Dr Ritson, Dr Mott, Mr Speers, Dr Würz, Dr Wolf, Dr Lankester, Dr Inman and Dr Watson.

The interval for intercession was led by Mr Mathews.

The discussion was continued by Sir Robert Williams, Dr Strong, Professor Torm, Bishop Nicholson, Baron van Boetzelaer, Mr Lenwood, Mr Mathews, Dr Corey and Mr Oldham.

The matter was referred to the Business Committee for further report.

Seventh Session, July 12, 8.15–9.45 p.m.

28. The Missionary Situation in the Near East and North Africa. Dr Mott gave a survey of the steps by which the International Missionary Council, meeting at Lake Mohonk in 1921, reached the decision to arrange for a series of regional and general conferences

for the Near East and North Africa (see Minute 49 of I.M.C. Lake Mohonk). He sketched the proposals as to personnel and proceedings of five or six such regional conferences to be held in February and March 1924, for (1) Morocco ; (2) Algeria, Tunis and Tripoli ; (3) Nile Valley (embracing Abyssinia) ; (4) Syria and Palestine ; (5) Turkey ; (6) Persian Gulf Region, to be followed by a General Conference, to meet at Jerusalem in April 1924, to consider the findings and reports of the preceding regional conferences.

The following took part in the ensuing discussion : Mr MacCallum, M. Couve, Dr Zwemer, Dr Ritson, Dr Allégret, Dr Watson and Mr Mathews.

A resolution was submitted and referred to the Business Committee for consideration.

The Business Committee were asked to draft a recommendation on field conferences in aid of Missions to Jews in the Near East.

The session was closed with prayers led by Dr Würz.

Eighth Session, July 13, 9.45 a.m.—12.45 p.m.

The session was opened with worship led by the Bishop of Bombay.

29. Report of the Sub-Committee on Christian Education. The report was presented by the Rev. F. Lenwood (Convener).

The following took part in the discussion : Dr Zwemer, Dr Henderson, Dr Forgan, the Bishop of Bombay, Miss Gollock, Dr Ogilvie, Dr Wolf, Mr Wilson, Dr Berry, Sir Robert Williams, Mr Buntine, Dr Endicott, Dr Corey, the Bishop of Uganda, Mr Brundin, Dr Cobb, Mr Turner and the Bishop of Huron.

The report was referred back to the Sub-Committee for further consideration in the light of the suggestions and criticisms made.

The interval for intercession followed.

30. The Place of Women in the Churches and Missions in the Mission Field. The subject was introduced by Mrs Nicholson and Miss Gibson, who presented the papers prepared by American and British groups and issued in advance.

The following spoke on different aspects of the subject : Dr Inman, Dr Warnshuis, Miss M. V. Hunter, Miss Calder, Mrs Peabody, Dr Chiba and the Bishop of Bombay.

The matter was remitted to the Business Committee for action.

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Ninth Session, July 13, 8.15-9.45 p.m.

31. German Missions. The Chairman called upon Mr Oldham to make an opening statement.

A paper prepared by Dr Schlunk and Dr Würz dealing with the present condition of German Missions was read by Dr Warnshuis.

Dr Würz and Dr Schlunk amplified the statements made in the paper, which were received with deep sympathy.

The following also spoke : Dr Zwemer, Mr Lindenborn, Dr de Schweinitz, Dr Anet, Dr Wolf, Mr Buntine, the Bishop of Salisbury and Dr Forgan.

The matter was referred to the Business Committee.

The session was closed with prayers led by Mr. Saito.

Tenth Session, July 14, 9.45 a.m.-12.45 p.m.

The session opened with worship led by Count Moltke.

32. The Practicability of Missionary Co-operation in the Face of Doctrinal Differences. The subject was introduced by papers from Dr R. E. Speer (read by Dr Warnshuis), and the Bishop of Bombay. It was suggested that both papers might appear in an early number of the *International Review of Missions*.

The following took part in the discussion : Sir Robert Williams, Dr Wolf, Miss Gollock, Mr Oldham, Dr Berry, Mr Thvedt, Dr Ogilvie, Dr Torm, Dr Mackay, the Bishop of Salisbury, Mr Wilson and Dr Tsu. Mr Oldham closed the discussion. The subject was referred to the Business Committee.

The interval for intercession followed.

33. International Review of Missions. Miss Gollock made a statement about the position and circulation of the *International Review of Missions*. She sketched future plans and appealed for the prayers and help of the Council members. She referred to Miss M. M. Underhill's appointment to the Editorial Staff. Later in the session Mr Oldham also spoke on the policy of the Review.

Other speakers were : Dr Zwemer, Baron van Boetzelaer, Dr Wolf, Mr Mathews and Dr Watson.

34. Conferences in the Near East and Northern Africa. On the report of the Business Committee the following resolution was adopted :

That the International Missionary Council express again to Dr Mott their deep conviction as to the importance of the series

of missionary conferences to be conducted by him under the auspices of the International Missionary Council, in the Near East, North Africa, and, if practicable, the Middle East, as requested by the Lake Mohonk meeting of 1921. Political, economic, social and spiritual changes which have taken place in the Near East during the past two years have only added urgency and importance to the proposal for bringing together the Christian leaders of these areas for conference and for a fresh and comprehensive study of missionary policy in relation to the new situation that confronts the missionary enterprise. In areas where elements of uncertainty still exist or promise to continue with respect to the policies that may prevail, there is added reason for conference and study to take the fullest advantage of the opportunity which these plastic conditions afford.

That the national bodies at the home base, and those in the Near East and in Northern Africa, as well as the Boards and the Missions, be earnestly requested to extend their heartiest co-operation in carrying out the plans for this important series of conferences.

Dr Mott thanked the Council for their confidence in him and asked for their prayers for this responsible undertaking.

35. Missionary Liberty. A resolution was brought before the Council and referred back to the Business Committee.

The following spoke: M. Couve, Bishop King, Mr Wilson, M. de Meuron, Dr Anet, M. Loze, Mr Mathews, Dr Gandier, Dr Mackay, Dr Allégret, Mr MacLennan and Dr Endicott.

Eleventh Session, July 14, 8.15-9.45 p.m.

36. Christian Literature in the Mission Field. Mr Wilson made a statement regarding the work done by the Committee in Great Britain on African Christian Literature.

37. Religious Education in the Mission Field. Miss Gollock presented a paper, previously issued, on Religious Education in the Mission Field.

The following resolution was adopted:

That the memorandum on religious education be referred to the secretaries with a view to their instituting an inquiry into this subject after consultation with the national organizations and on lines approved by them.

38. Missionary Training Schools in the Mission Fields. Dr Warnshuis made an introductory statement with reference to Missionary Training Schools in the Mission Fields and the following resolution was adopted :

The Council in receiving the report on Training Schools in the Mission Field prepared by the North American Committee on Missionary Preparation expresses its great appreciation of this valuable summary of the present position of the schools now in existence, and commends this report to the attention of all missionary boards. The Council also expresses its thanks to the Board of Missionary Preparation in Great Britain for its suggestive statement.

The future policy regarding the development of these schools and the provision for additional training facilities on the field, involves questions that are of vital interest to missionary agencies in all the countries represented in the International Missionary Council. This is so because the missionaries in these schools and classes on the field come from all these countries, and also because the training in these schools should be rightly related to the preparation of the missionary in his home-land. The Council believes therefore that the further inquiry regarding the future development of missionary training on the field should be carried forward under international auspices, the results of such inquiry to be communicated to the various national councils so that they may include such proposals as may be made in their consideration of the whole problem of missionary training of which they are a part.

The Council therefore recommends that the National Christian Councils in Japan, China and India should be asked to prepare statements regarding the future development of training facilities in their respective countries, forwarding these statements to the officers of the Council at the earliest possible time.

Further, the Council instructs its officers to confer with the national organizations in Europe and America so as to make suitable arrangements for the prosecution of this inquiry in Africa, the Near East, Latin America and other mission fields.

The Council instructs its officers to make such arrangements as they find possible for the prompt consideration by the various national organizations in the sending countries of the reports

received from Asia, Africa and elsewhere in such a way as to secure the largest possible agreement in the adoption of a common policy regarding training schools and other training facilities in the mission fields.

Dr Zwemer, Dr Watson, Mr Oldham, Dr Lankester and Dr Inman took part in the discussion.

39. The Place of Women in the Churches and Missions in the Mission Field. A resolution was presented by the Business Committee (see Minute 30) and adopted as follows :

Believing that the Christian Church in each country should be built on lines that ensure its continuity and its largest service to the life of the home and nation, and that therefore it must use the contribution of both men and women, the Council instructs its secretaries to institute an inquiry on the Relation of Women to the Christian Church along such lines as the following :

(1) The adequacy in extent and character of the education of girls and its correlation with that of boys.

(2) The training required, the opportunity offered, and the status given to qualified women workers, whether foreigners or nationals.

(3) The existing or proposed relation of women's work to the Church in the mission field.

(4) How can the Church challenge and enlist in its service progressive women in the mission field ?

The following took part in the discussion : Dr Lankester, Dr Wolf, Mr Mathews, Mr Wilson, Mrs Nicholson, M. de Meuron, Dr Ogilvie, Mr Sittther, Dr Warnshuis and Mr Oldham.

40. World Missionary Conference. The following resolution with reference to the proposal for a World Missionary Conference (see Minute 27) was submitted by the Business Committee and adopted :

The Council having in response to a request from the Foreign Missions Conference of North America given full and deliberate consideration to the question of holding another World Missionary Conference in the near future has come unanimously to the opinion that the holding of such a gathering is not at present practicable.

As a substitute for such a conference and with a view to

securing some of the recognized advantages which might be expected from it the Council suggests to the national organizations in North America, Great Britain and other countries or groups of countries in Europe the holding within the next three or four years of separate conferences in these different areas which would have an international character through the attendance of representative delegations from other lands and races, and in which the International Missionary Council would co-operate in shaping the plans and co-ordinating the work and thought.

The following took part in the discussion: Dr Endicott, Mr Wilson, Bishop King, Mr Oldham and Dr Wolf.

41. Organization of the Council. A resolution was submitted by the Business Committee and after discussion, in which Dr Patton, Mr Oldham and Mr Wilson took part, the matter was held over till a later session.

42. National Christian Council of Japan. The Chairman of the Business Committee read a resolution regarding the National Christian Council of Japan.

There was discussion in which the following took part: Dr Mott, Bishop King, Dr Zwemer, Dr Wolf, Bishop Nicholson, Dr Berry, Sir Robert Williams, Dr Endicott, Dr Ritson, Dr Chiba, Dr Lankester, Mr Wilson, Dr Ogilvie, Mr Oldham, Mr Saito, Mr MacLennan and Mr Thompson.

The resolution was adopted *nem. con.* as follows:

We have learned with satisfaction that a National Christian Council is in process of formation in Japan which is to further co-operation among the various Churches and missions, and which will serve as a link with similar bodies in other fields, and likewise with the International Missionary Council, and earnestly hope that this organization may be completed at an early date. We would also suggest, in the light of the experience of the International Missionary Council and of the national missionary organizations in the different countries, that to ensure the largest and most acceptable service a body of the kind proposed is likely to require one or possibly two full time secretaries of such high qualifications as will command the confidence of the Churches and missions.

The session was closed with prayers led by the Bishop of Salisbury.

Twelfth Session, July 16, 9.45 a.m.—12 noon

The session was opened with worship led by Mr Mathews.

43. Christian Literature. The Report of the Committee on Survey of Moslem Literature was presented by Mr MacCallum and Dr Zwemer. Miss Padwick was present by special invitation and spoke on this report.

Dr Cheng, Dr Mott, Dr Patton, Dr Watson, M. de Meuron and Mr Sittler also spoke on the general subject of Christian Literature, and the following resolution was adopted :

The Council has received with great satisfaction the survey of Christian Literature in Moslem Lands completed by a committee in North America and the Bibliography of African Christian Literature, prepared by a committee of the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland. It congratulates these two committees upon the completion of these first stages in opening the way for more adequate provision for this part of our common missionary task in these fields.

With reference to the two memoranda regarding these reports prepared by the committees in North America and Great Britain, the Council instructs its secretaries to bring these statements with their suggestions and recommendations to the attention of all the national organizations represented in the Council, at the same time conferring with them with a view to practical action without delay.

44. Christian Education. The following resolution presented by the sub-committee on Education was adopted :

The International Missionary Council is convinced that whatever changes or developments may take place in the field of general education, Christian education must always remain an integral part of the Church's work. Christian education emphasizes that full development not only of intellect but also of will and of spirit which is necessary to a complete Christian life. It aims to train the faculties to serve the community, the state and the church through the home, industry, business or the professions. An education which is constantly striving to fulfil this Christian conception is ever needed. Not only does it help to prepare the way for conversion but without it the fullest Christian nurture of disciples is impossible. Pupils find in the truth of Christ as pre-

sented through it, both by words and life, His call to faith and service. It is indispensable for the proper equipment of the teachers, preachers and leaders among the laity without whom the Kingdom of God cannot be established. Clearly, then, it is not to be set over against evangelism but is to be regarded as evangelism in one of its truest manifestations. To be fully effective it should be in the hands of Christian men and women. Where education is not making all possible effort to reach this ideal, it is doubtful whether it is the business of missionary societies to help to carry it on.

The Council gratefully receives the reports of the recent Commissions to India, China and Africa. It is thankful that three reports of such high ability and Christian character are at the service of the Boards and believes that they call for the best thought of the friends of missions. In order to ensure that full advantage is taken of the counsel in these reports it feels justified in suggesting :

(a) That as far as possible the Boards place the reports within the reach of all missionaries and of the members of their home committees concerned with the particular field.

(b) That the Boards refer the practical proposals in the reports to the Church authorities in the field affected and the Mission Committees there, taking also the responsibility of indicating the proposals they feel to be of greatest importance, and that where the bodies in the field have signified their support of any proposal, the Boards attempt to provide, or in some way to release, the men and money required to carry it out. It is hoped that in shaping their replies to the Boards the Committees mentioned will take full advantage of the advice of interdenominational committees co-ordinating educational experience and policy within their special field.

(c) That arrangements be made for conferences of representatives of Boards concerned with work in the same area, so as to concert plans for united action wherever desirable.

(d) That the officers of the Council be asked to render all the assistance within their power in promoting the international study of the problems raised by these reports with a view to mutual assistance and common action by the

Boards in the application to Christian education abroad of the conclusions of the Educational Commissions and of other proposals suggested by the best experience available.

The resolution was discussed by Dr Strong and Dr Ogilvie.

45. Organization of the Council. On the recommendation of the Business Committee it was voted :

That for the purposes of such work as may be entrusted by the Council to its officers it is desirable that there should be associated with them for their guidance and for carrying out the work of the Council in the intervals between the meetings of the Council groups in the different countries, which may in some cases be existing committees of the national organizations. It is understood that all such arrangements are to be made with the consent of the national organizations ; that the international secretaries will act, so far as the subjects assigned to them are concerned, in a secretarial relation to such groups ; and that they will keep the groups in the different countries in touch with each other through personal visitation as well as correspondence.

46. Consultative Members of the Council. On the recommendation of the Business Committee it was voted :

That the Committee of the Council be empowered to invite to the next meeting, as consultative members of the Council without vote, members of the international groups or committees undertaking the inquiries authorized by the Council who may have a special contribution to make on the subjects to be considered at the next meeting, the number of such consultative members not to exceed ten.

47. Date and Place of Next Meeting. On the recommendation of the Business Committee it was voted :

That the determination of the place and time of the next meeting of the Council be referred to the Committee of the Council with power.

48. Committee of the Council. On the recommendation of the Business Committee it was voted :

That subject to the approval of the constituent national organizations the constitution of the Council be amended as follows :

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That in section five of the constitution in the sentence 'The Council shall appoint at each regular meeting a Committee of twelve members,' the word 'sixteen' be substituted for 'twelve.'

That the following be appointed members of the Committee of the Council to serve till the next regular meeting of the Council.

Baron van Boetzelaer.	Rev. F. M. North, D.D.
Rev. W. I. Chamberlain, Ph.D.	The Hon. N. W. Rowell.
M. le Pasteur Couve.	The Bishop of Salisbury.
Rev. R. Forgan, D.D.	Missionsinspektor M. Schlunk,
Rev. J. H. Franklin, D.D.	D.Theol.
Mr F. H. Hawkins.	Robert E. Speer, D.D.
Dr H. Lankester.	Professor Torm, D.D.
Mr Kenneth MacLennan.	Mr F. P. Turner.
Mrs Nicholson.	

49. Changes in the Mission Field resulting from the Growth of Indigenous Churches. On the recommendation of the Business Committee it was voted :

That the paper read to the Council by Mr Lenwood and the printed paper by Mr Lobenstine and the other material bearing on the subject be referred to the secretaries with a view to a further study of the whole subject to be carried out on lines approved by the national organizations.

50. Racial Relationships. On the recommendation of the Business Committee it was voted :

That the Council desires Mr Oldham to continue to study the subject of Christianity and racial relationships.

51. Business Committee of the International Review of Missions. On the recommendation of the Business Committee it was voted :

That the following be invited to act as a business committee for the management of the Review : Sir Robert Williams, Mr F. H. Hawkins, Mr Harold Judd and Mr. Stanley Sowton, with Miss Gollock and the officers, and that this committee be given power to elect a Business Manager.

That the International Missionary Council hereby agrees to indemnify the Advisory Business Committee of the *International Review of Missions* and the Editors and the Business Manager,

jointly and severally, against any loss which they may sustain in respect to the Review until the next meeting of the Council.

52. Conferences on Jewish Missions. The Rev. C. H. Gill spoke of the necessity for holding conferences in the near future on Jewish Missions. After discussion in which Bishop King, Dr Ritson and the Bishop of Huron took part, the following resolution was adopted :

That, having regard to the opportunities in the present situation throughout the world for the evangelization of the Jews, and of the impossibility of dealing adequately with this subject in the projected series of Conferences in the Near East organized mainly to deal with Moslem problems, the International Missionary Council would welcome, and assist in, a series of field conferences in various areas for the advancement of missionary work among Jews, provided the Committee of the Conference of British Societies working among Jews after consultation with the other societies in Europe and America, considers the time is opportune.

That if such field conferences can be held in 1925, and it is possible for Dr Mott to preside, the Council wishes him to do so.

53. Traffic in Opium. Dr Warnshuis spoke of the danger arising from the traffic in opium, and on the recommendation of the Business Committee it was resolved :

That the Council again calls the attention of all the national organizations represented here to the increasing menace of the traffic in opium, its derivatives and other narcotic drugs all over the world. It urges upon them the importance of doing all in their power, both by their own direct action and in co-operation with other organizations, to awaken public opinion in effective support of the efforts of their own Governments to control this traffic through international agreement by (a) limiting the cultivation of the commercial poppy and the coca plant to the medicinal and scientific needs of the world, and by (b) enacting and enforcing adequate national legislation, making illegal all manufacture and trade in these drugs in excess of the needs of science and medicine.

54. Universal Day of Prayer. A resolution dealing with this subject was submitted, and after discussion in which Dr Zwemer, Bishop King, Mr Gibson, M. de Meuron, Dr Mackay, Dr Wolf and the Bishop of Salisbury took part, it was referred to Bishop King,

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the Bishop of Salisbury, Mr Turner, Bishop Nicholson, Dr Watson and Dr Würz to redraft.

55. Missions in Belgian, French and Portuguese Colonies.

On the recommendation of the Business Committee it was voted :

That the paper on Missions in Belgian, French and Portuguese Territory be revised by Dr Warnshuis and printed with a view to its being placed by boards in the hands of their missionaries working in those territories.

56. Missionary Freedom. On the recommendation of the Business Committee the following resolution was adopted :

While seeking to promote the faithful observance of all Government regulations dealing with the maintenance and conduct of schools, and including the teaching of the language of the governing nation and the use of literature in its language,

Yet at the same time, according to the fundamental principles of 'freedom of conscience and the free exercise of all forms of religion' which have been expressly guaranteed by international treaties,

The International Missionary Council declares that the free circulation of the Holy Bible in the native languages and the free use of the native languages in religious worship are inseparable from the exercise of religious freedom and as such must be respectfully claimed from all Governments.

57. Order of Business at Meetings of the Council. On the recommendation of the Business Committee it was voted :

That the whole matter of arranging the order of business at Council meetings, with a view to the handling of matters which require definite decision before the Council separates, be referred to the Committee of the Council for consideration and report at the next full meeting of the Council.

58. Council Notes. On the recommendation of the Business Committee it was voted :

That the publication of the bulletin *Council Notes* be continued, and that the editorial and publishing details be referred to the secretaries.

The usual period of intercession followed the morning session.

Thirteenth Session, July 16, 4.30-5.45 p.m.

59. Congo and Montevideo Conferences. The following resolution was adopted :

That the invitations to send delegates to the Congo Missionary Conference in October, 1924, and the Latin America Conference at Montevideo in 1925 be referred to the Committee of the Council with power.

60. Publicity. It was agreed that plans for publicity with reference to this meeting of the Council should include :

- (a) Articles prepared on the basis of material supplied by Mr Basil Mathews.
- (b) Minutes to be furnished to all members of the Council and to all missionary societies and boards.
- (c) A report of the meeting to be published in the *International Review of Missions*.

61. Negro Missionaries. On the recommendation of the Business Committee, the following resolution was adopted :

The Council is of opinion that both in order to meet the need of African peoples and as an outlet for the missionary zeal and an expression of the missionary responsibility of the negro communities in the United States and other countries outside of the African continent, opportunity should be given to Christian negroes in these countries, who are qualified for such service, to share in the evangelization and education of the peoples of Africa and elsewhere.

In view of the political and social difficulties, greater in some parts of the continent than others, in the way of giving effect to this policy and of the trying and exacting conditions under which negro missionaries will in most cases have to work, the Council believes that special care should be exercised in the selection, training and testing of such missionaries in order that those missionaries who go out may by proving their fitness bring about the opening of the doors more widely. It is further the conviction of the Council that to secure the best results from the sending out of negro missionaries it is desirable that all possible help, co-operation and sympathy be extended to them by their white colleagues.

Inasmuch as negro missionaries from outside Africa will in

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most cases be working as aliens under foreign governments, this circumstance should receive careful consideration by the bodies sending them and by the negro missionaries themselves, who should recognize the necessity of maintaining that scrupulous loyalty to the governing power which is expected by governments from all alien missionaries and is laid down as a requirement in many existing regulations. Close attention to this matter is in the view of the Council an indispensable condition of the successful carrying out of the desired policy.

The following took part in the discussion : Dr Ritson, Mr Turner, Mr Oldham, Dr Strong, Dr Berry, Mr Gibson and Dr Corey.

62. Minutes of Council. The following resolution was adopted :

The Minutes of the Council having been read and approved by a sub-committee appointed by the Business Committee, the Council, having received the report of the sub-committee, adopts the minutes and instructs the secretaries to arrange for their publication, authorizing them in consultation with Dr Ritson to make any necessary editorial amendments.

63. Election of Officers. On the recommendation of the Business Committee, the following resolution was adopted by a rising vote :

That the International Missionary Council hereby elect Dr John R. Mott as Chairman, and Mr J. H. Oldham and the Rev. A. L. Warnshuis as Secretaries, and Mr James M. Speers as Treasurer.

That the Council also appoint Mr J. H. Oldham and Miss G. A. Gollock as joint Editors of the *International Review of Missions*.

At the same time the Council wishes to record its thankfulness to God for the gift of such officers to the cause of international missionary co-operation and its prayer that in the coming years even fuller blessing may rest upon their service.

The Bishop of Bombay and Dr Würz offered intercessory prayer on behalf of all the officers.

64. Missionary Co-operation in View of Doctrinal Differences. Dr Endicott presented on behalf of the Business Committee the following resolution, and expressed the gratitude of the Council to the Bishop of Bombay for his work in formulating it.

(1) The International Missionary Council orders the papers of Dr Robert E. Speer and the Bishop of Bombay, which were read before it, to be printed. While the authors alone are responsible for the views expressed in those papers, the Council believes that a study of the papers will throw light on the questions about the possibility of missionary co-operation which are raised by doctrinal differences.

(2) The International Missionary Council has given attention to the anxiety which is felt in many quarters about the possibility of missionary co-operation in face of doctrinal differences and thinks it opportune to review the co-operation which has actually been undertaken under its auspices or those of the national and other councils which it correlates and other similar co-operative action, and to set out afresh the principles which have emerged from these experiences.

(3) The International Council has never sought nor is it its function to work out a body of doctrinal opinions of its own. The only doctrinal opinions in the Council are those which the various members bring with them into it from the Churches and Missionary Boards to which they belong. It is no part of the duty of the Council to discuss the merits of those opinions, still less to determine doctrinal questions.

But it has never been found in practice that in consequence of this the Council is left with nothing but an uncertain mass of conflicting opinions. The Council is conscious of a great measure of agreement which centres in a common obligation and a common loyalty. We are conscious of a common obligation to proclaim the Gospel of Christ in all the world, and this sense of obligation is made rich and deep because of our knowledge of the havoc wrought by sin and of the efficacy of the salvation offered by Christ. We are bound together further by a common loyalty to Jesus Himself, and this loyalty is deep and fruitful because we rejoice to share the confessions of St Peter, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God," and of St Thomas, "My Lord and my God." The secret of our co-operation is the presence with us of Jesus Christ, Human Friend and Divine Helper. From this common obligation and this common loyalty flow many other points of agreement, and our differences in doctrine, great though in some instances they are, have not hindered us from profitable co-operation in counsel. When we have gathered together, we

have experienced a growing unity among ourselves, in which we recognize the influence of the Holy Spirit. At these meetings we have come to a common mind on many matters and been able to frame recommendations and statements. These have never had the character of command or direction, and it has always rested with the Churches or Missions to give them, if they would, authority by adopting them or carrying them into action.

Co-operation in work is more likely to be embarrassed by doctrinal differences than co-operation in counsel. Yet there is a wide range of matters such as negotiations with governments, the securing of religious liberty, the combating of the evils arising from the sale of narcotic drugs, collection and survey of facts, investigation of educational method, etc., which are not affected by doctrinal differences. A still more imposing list might be drawn up of types of work in which impediments from doctrinal differences might have been anticipated, but experience in many lands has shown that most valuable co-operation is possible between many churches and missions. Such are the translation of the Holy Scriptures, the production and dissemination of Christian Literature, the conduct of schools and colleges and medical institutions, and provision for the training of missionaries. Every piece of co-operation in work which this Council or, as we believe, any council connected with it encourages or guides is confined to those churches or missions which freely and willingly take part in it. It would be entirely out of harmony with the spirit of this movement to press for such co-operation in work as would be felt to compromise doctrinal principles or to strain consciences.

The Bishop of Bombay, Dr Ogilvie and Professor Torm spoke, at the request of the Chairman.

There also spoke on the resolution : Dr de Schweinitz, Dr Berry, Miss Calder, Sir Robert Williams, Dr Zwemer, Mr Oldham, Dr Wolf.

The resolution was passed by a rising vote.

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65. Special World-wide Effort of Prayer. The resolution proposed by the sub-committee (see Minute 54) was adopted as follows :

Resolved that whereas the awakening peoples of Asia and

Africa are now weighing in the balance the claims of Christ upon their allegiance ; and

Whereas the growth of indigenous Churches involves profound changes in the relation of missions and missionaries to those Churches ; and

Whereas the demand for education throughout Asia and Africa calls for large changes in the work of missionary education and constitutes a challenge to the Christian Churches to send of their best to aid in the work ; and

Whereas both the perplexity and the opportunity of the situation in the Near East constitute a call to prayer for the missionary enterprise in Moslem lands ; and

Whereas these and other developments raise issues of unparalleled importance to the welfare of the whole world,

This Council most heartily welcomes the proposal to institute a special world-wide effort of prayer, and earnestly calls upon its constituent national councils and the boards in connexion therewith to respond to its appeal on the subject.

And that with a view to concentrated effort, it is suggested that prayer should be made upon some fixed day according to the convenience of the various Churches or Missions. The date proposed is St. Andrew's Day (November 30), 1924—and failing that, such other date as can be arranged.

And that the above resolutions be committed to the officers with instructions to confer with all the national missionary organizations represented in the Council.

66. Votes of Thanks. The following resolution was submitted by the Business Committee and adopted by a rising vote :

Resolved, that the members of the International Missionary Council, assembled in Oxford, July 9-16, place on record their most hearty and heartfelt appreciation of the generous hospitality which has been extended to them, and of all the labour that has been expended in caring for their comfort and pleasure and entertainment. No words would be too strong to express our appreciation of the arrangements made by the Conference of the Missionary Societies of Great Britain and Ireland whose guests we have been. Special thanks are due to the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs Davidson for the courtesies extended by them in London, including the memorable service in Lambeth Chapel ; to the Missionary Council of the National Assembly of the

Church of England for the delightful luncheon in the Church House in London ; to the Rev. Principal Selbie, D.D., for arranging a service at Mansfield College on Sunday morning and for his sermon ; to the ladies who have served as hostesses at tea ; to the authorities of the University and the Colleges of Oxford, especially to the Warden of Wadham and the Principal of Hertford College ; to the courteous gentlemen who have acted as such admirable guides through these storied and historic buildings, so rich in hallowed memories ; to the Rev. C. C. B. Bardsley, D.D., who must be mentioned by name, because of his tireless energy in planning charming sight-seeing excursions for our enjoyment. To have assembled at Oxford, and to have been permitted to be in residence at Wadham and Hertford Colleges for a week, even though no degrees, earned or unearned, have been conferred, will be a cherished memory for a lifetime.

The Council wishes also to express its thanks to Mr Basil Mathews not only for his services in regard to publicity, but also for his arrangement of the devotional meetings ; and to Mrs Woods whose services as organist have greatly increased the helpfulness of these meetings. The Council also thanks the Minute Secretaries for their sustained and indefatigable work.

The Conference closed with a service led by Dr Mott.

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